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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice of Allowance of December 1, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows. The Amendment merely makes clarifying (formality) amendments to Claim 18 and does not alter the scope of the claim.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

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